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SUBJ: US TRADE ACT - PROPOSED SALVADORAN RESPONSE TO VENEZUELAN  
PRESIDENT

1. AT THE REQUEST OF ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER DR. RICARDO  
CASTANEDA, I AND ECONOFF MET LATE JANUARY 17, PRINCIPALLY TO  
HEAR THE PROPOSED RESPONSE BY PRESIDENT MOLINA TO VENEZUELAN  
PRESIDENT PEREZ' LETTER CALLING FOR LATIN SOLIDARITY AGAINST THE  
U.S. TRADE ACT. THE PROPOSED REPLY, ALREADY IN ITS FOURTH  
DRAFT, SHOWED PROGRESSIVE AMBIGUITY OVER AND EARLIER DRAFT TO  
WHICH IT WAS COMPARED. WHILE EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR LATIN  
AMERICAN SOLIDARITY IN THE ARTICULATION AND ACHIEVEMENT OF  
THEIR LEGITIMATE ECONOMIC NEEDS, THE PROPOSED REPLY DIRECTED  
THESE EFFORTS TOWARDS DIALOGUE WITH THE U.S. THROUGH ESTABLISHED  
AND OTHER MECHANISMS WHICH WOULD ADVANCE THE OBJECTIVE. IT  
STATED THE GOES' SYMPATHY AND CONCERN OVER ARBITRARY PROVISIONS  
IN THE ACT WHICH "MAY BE HARMFUL TO OTHER COUNTRIES". UNMIS-  
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TAKEABLY CLEAR WAS EL SALVADOR'S REJECTION OF PEREZ' REQUEST

TO BOYCOTT THE BUENAS AIRES MEETING AS WELL AS THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE POSSIBLE DAMAGE THE ACT'S PROVISIONS COULD HAVE TO OTHERS, BUT NOT TO EL SALVADOR. COMMENT: FROM A READING OF THE PART OF THE JANUARY 18 COMMUNIQUE OF FOUR CA PRESIDENTS (GUATEMALA 0326) DEALING WITH THE TRADE ACT, IT APPEARS TO REFLECT CLOSELY THE DRAFT MOLINA LETTER I WAS SHOWN AND APPEARS SUFFICIENTLY INNOCUOUS TO PROTECT CA INTERESTS WITH BOTH VENEZUELA AND THE U.S.

2. IN THIS MEETING WITH CASTANEDA AND FOREIGN POLICY DIRECTOR CARLOS CORDERO, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, I COVERED THE THRUST OF THE DAPARTMENT'S MESSAGES CONCERNING THE ACT WHICH BOTH HAD STUDIED AND THEN 1) EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR UNEMOTIONAL AND MODERATE CONSIDERATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE ACT DURING THE DEBATE OF THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL, 2) THE DESIRABILITY OF AVOIDING THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS WHICH COULD BE INJURIOUS TO BASIC INTEJESTS OF ALL PARTIES, AND 3) MAY DESIRE THAT WE CONSULT CLOSELY DURING THE COURSE OF THE OAS COUNCIL DEBATE. MOSKOWITZ

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